

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAPE T 01149 081242Z  
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00  
PA-01 ICA-11 SP-02 /035 W  
-----113250 090749Z /17  
R 081210Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
TO RECSTATE WASHDC 7423

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAPE TOWN 1149

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT  
SUBJ: DEPT OF STATE PPESS BRIEFING EXCERPTS

REF: STATE 078869

1. REFTEL NOTED THAT THE DEPT WOULD HAVE TO DISCONTINUE  
THE PRACTICE OF CABLING EXCERPTS FROM THE DAILY STATE  
DEPT PRESS BRIEFING TO THE FIELD BECAUSE THE BUREAU IS NO  
LONGER PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE UNCORRECTED TRANSCRIPTS.

2. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS  
WERE TO BE MADE TO ALLOW TRANSMITTAL TO CAPE TOWN/PRETORIA  
OF THE PRESS BRIEFING EXCERPTS WHICH WOULD BE IDENTIFIED AS  
UNCORRECTED TEXT. WE DID IN FACT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE  
UNCORRECTED TEXTS FOR SOME TIME, BUT THESE HAVE NOW CEASED.

3. THE WIRELESS FILE REPORTS OF THE DEPT BRIEFINGS ARE  
NOT AVAILABLE FOR SEVERAL DAYS. GIVEN THE  
IMPORTANCE TO US HERE OF BEING ABREAST OF OFFICIAL  
GUIDANCE ON BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS IN AFRICA, WE BELIEVE IT  
IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RECEIVE CABLED EXCERPTS FROM THE  
PRESS BRIEFINGS. WE WOULD NOT PUBLICLY RELEASE OR  
DIRECTLY CITE THE UNCORRECTED TEXT. NEVERTHELESS,  
ACCESS TO THE UNCORRECTED TRANSCRIPTS WOULD PROVIDE  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAPE T 01149 081242Z

US THE RAPID GUIDANCE WE NEED.

4. ON PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE QUESTIONS, AF MIGHT  
CONSIDER CABLING ADVANCE TEXT OF CLEARED  
GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBLE BACKGROUND USE. IT IS SOME-WHAT  
IRONIC FOR INSTANCE THAT BY CHANCE (AND  
THEREFORE WITHOUT NOTE PAD OR RECORDER NEARBY)

WE HEARD SABC TAPED VERSION OF HODDING CARTER'S  
RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR COMMENT ON PIK BOTHA'S  
JUNE 5 PARLIAMENTARY SPEECH, BUT STILL DO NOT HAVE  
ANY WRITTEN TEXT FROM WASHINGTON.  
EDMONDSON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** INFORMATION CONTROL, PRESS CONFERENCES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 08 jun 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978CAPET01149  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780241-0160  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** CAPE TOWN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780683/aaaacszg.tel  
**Line Count:** 67  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 1f37408f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 STATE 78869  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2442955  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** DEPT OF STATE PPESS BRIEFING EXCERPTS  
**TAGS:** PINT, SOPN, AMGT, SF  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/1f37408f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014